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**RE: Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone  
Revision to South Carolina PSC Tariff No. 2 (Local Exchange)**

Dear Mr. Terreni,

Attached is a revision to South Carolina PSC Tariff No. 2 (Local Exchange) filed on behalf of Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone. This filing revises monthly Local Exchange plan and Supplementary Service and Service Charge rates, adds Non-Sufficient Funds Checks, Service Charge Rates, Expanded Area Service and LD250 Option, deletes Late Charge, Bonus and Deluxe Unlimited Plans, a la carte Calling Features and End User Access Service and makes several textual clarifications and updates. The Company does not have any customers subscribed to any services being deleted from the tariff.

Additionally, pursuant to discussion with Tom Allen of Staff, maximum rates have been added to the tariff. The Company received approval to be regulated under flexible regulation in Order No. 2005-736 in Docket No. 1999-512-C.

The Company respectfully requests an effective date of June 14, 2009.

The following tariff pages are included:

1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 3	Updates Check Sheet
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 4	Updates Table of Contents
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 16	Revises Payment and Billing Language
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 17	Adds Non-Sufficient Funds Checks, Deletes Late Charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 18	Adds Maximum Rates, Moves Basic Service
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 19	Revises Current Rates, Adds Rates, Deletes Rates
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 20.1	Moves & Revises Basic Plan, Deletes Bonus & Deluxe Unlimited Plans
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised 20.2	Revises Deluxe Prepaid Plan, Changes Plan Names
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 20.2a	Revises Double Feature Plan
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 20.2b	Adds Expanded Area Service, Changes Section Number
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 20.3	Makes Text Updates to Customer Eligibility

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The following tariff pages are included: (Continued)

1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 20.4	Adds Self Certification to Lifeline, Changes Section Number
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 20.5	Adds Lifeline and Link-Up Rates
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 22	Makes Text and Section Number Changes
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 23	Changes Section Numbers
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheets 23.1-23.3	Deletes End User Access Service
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 23.4	Reduces OSS Recovery Charge, Deletes End User Access Service and Federal and State Line Charges
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 24	Deletes USF and PICC

Any questions you may have pertaining to this filing may be directed to me at 407-740-3005 or via email at [mbyrnes@tminc.com](mailto:mbyrnes@tminc.com). Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone

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Attachment

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CHECKSHEET

The Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheets. Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

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2.8 Deposit

The Company does not require deposits.

2.9 Payment and Billing

2.9.1 Service is provided and billed on a billing cycle basis, beginning on the date that service becomes effective. Billing is payable upon the same date each month.

2.9.2 The customer is responsible for, payment of all charges for services furnished to the customer. Recurring charges and non-recurring charges are billed in advance.

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2.9.3 All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be binding on the customer unless objection is received by the Company, oral or in writing, within the applicable statute of limitations, No credits, refunds, or adjustments shall be granted unless and until proper documentation is received/prepared by the Company within such limitation period.

2.10 Collection Costs

In the event Company is required to initiate legal proceedings to collect any amounts due to Company for regulated or non-regulated services, equipment or facilities, or to enforce any judgment obtained against a Customer, or for the enforcement of any other provision of this tariff or applicable law, Customer shall, in addition to all amounts due, be liable to Company for all

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2.10 Collection Costs (Cont'd.)

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reasonable costs incurred by Company in such proceedings and enforcement actions, including reasonable attorneys' fees, collection agency fees or payments and court costs. In any such proceeding, the amount of collection costs, including attorneys' fees, due to the Company will be determined by the court.

2.11 Taxes

All federal, state and local taxes, assessments, surcharges, and fees, including sales taxes, use taxes, gross receipts taxes and municipal utilities taxes are billed as separate line items and are not included in the rates quoted herein.

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2.12 Non-Sufficient Funds Checks

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The Customer will be assessed a charge for each check or other payment type submitted by the Customer to the Company that a bank or other financial institution refuses to honor. The charge may equal, but not exceed the rataqe allowed by the S.C. Code Annotated Section 34-11-70.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE3.1 Computation of Charges

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## 3.1.1 The maximum rates for local service and custom calling services are outlined below:

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Local Phone Service	Rate schedule 4.B
AT&T Markets	
	<u>Maximum Monthly Charges</u>
Basic Plan	\$120.00
	\$100.00 w/ prompt pay discount
Deluxe Prepaid Plan	\$160.00
	\$140.00 w/ prompt pay discount
Double Feature Plan	\$105.00
	\$86.00 w/prompt pay discount
Unlimited LD Package	\$20.00
Non-published Number	\$10.00
LD250 Option	\$10.00
Expanded Area Service	\$40.00
<u>Service Initiation Charges</u>	
Activation Fee	\$120.00
Transfer	\$80.00
Name Change	\$60.00
Number Change	\$60.00
Calling Feature Change	\$30.00
Restore Charge	\$50.00
Reconnect Charge	\$50.00
<u>Directory Assistance</u>	
	Local: \$3.00
	National: \$3.50

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3.1.2 The current rates for local service and custom calling services are outlined below: (Cont'd.)

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Local Phone Service

Rate schedule 4.B

AT&amp;T Markets

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Current Monthly Charges

Basic Plan

\$ 32.78 (R)

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\$ 22.78 (R) w/ prompt pay discount

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Deluxe Prepaid Plan

\$ 63.45 (R)

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\$ 53.45 (R) w/ prompt pay discount

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Double Feature Plan

\$ 53.45 (I)

\$ 43.45 (I) w/ prompt pay discount

Unlimited LD Package

\$10.00

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Non-published Number

\$5.00

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LD250 Option

\$5.00

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Expanded Area Service

\$20.00

(N)

Service Initiation Charges

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Activation Fee

\$60.00 (I)

Transfer

\$39.95

Name Change

\$30.00

(N)

Number Change

\$30.00

Calling Feature Change

\$15.00

Restore Charge

\$25.00

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Reconnect Charge

\$25.00

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Directory Assistance

Local: \$ 2.50 (I)

National: \$ 2.50 (I)

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## 3.1.3 Basic Plan

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Basic Plan is a bundled pre-paid plan available to all residential customers residing in the AT&T (M)  
Sprint and Verizon exchanges of South Carolina. The monthly charge for Basic Plan service |  
provides a Customer with single, Voice grade dial tone line, which allows unlimited local calls |  
on a flat or measured rate basis and includes sixty (60) minutes of intra and interlata Long |  
Distance<sup>1</sup> calling within the Continental United States per billing cycle. Basic Plan service is (M)  
provided with touch-tone as a standard feature. (D)

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<sup>1</sup> Long Distance calculated at a rate of \$0.019 per minute of usage with a \$.25 surcharge for each completed call.

## 3.1.4 [Reserved for future use]

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## 3.1.5 Budget Phone Deluxe Prepaid Plan

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The Budget Phone Deluxe Prepaid Plan is a bundled pre-paid plan offered to all residential customers in the AT&T, Sprint, and Verizon exchanges of South Carolina as defined by the Incumbents tariff on file with the Commission and includes: a) a residence dial tone line on a flat or measured rate basis (b) unlimited access that does not exceed 2,000 minutes to intra and interstate Long Distance calling within the Continental United States, per billing cycle; and (c) the following five (5) Custom Calling Features: Caller ID, Call Return, Call Forwarding, Call Waiting, and Three-way Calling<sup>1</sup>. Customers may be required to access Budget Phone's Long Distance platform by first dialing a toll free number and then must dial the ten-digit (10) termination number in order to complete the call. This plan does not provide for call detail information on the Customers monthly bill.

<sup>1</sup> Custom Calling Features are offered where facilities and equipment allow. All features may not be available in all central office switches.

## 3.1.6 Unlimited LD Package

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For a monthly recurring charge, Customer may add to the Basic or Double Feature Plans, two thousand (2,000) minutes, per billing cycle, of intrastate or interstate Long Distance calling within the Continental United States.

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## 3.1.7 Budget Phone Double Feature Plan

Budget Phone Double Feature Plan service is bundled pre-paid plan available to all residential customers residing in the Bell South exchanges of South Carolina as defined by the Incumbents tariff on file with the Commission. The Budget Phone Double Feature Plan is a bundled pre-paid residential service Plan offered on a flat or measured rate basis and includes sixty (60) minutes of intra and interlata Long Distance<sup>1</sup> calling within the Continental United States per billing cycle. The Double Feature Plan, along with its individual components, is available on a where offered basis. Budget Phone reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to alter, change, or substitute individual features. Customers may be required to access Budget Phone's Long Distance platform by first dialing a toll free number and then must dial the ten-digit (10) termination number in order to complete the call. The Plan includes an additional 250 minutes of continental intrastate long distance usage for the first two (2) consecutive months of service (certain restrictions, as outlined below, do apply).<sup>2</sup> The customer has the option to continue to receive an additional 250 minutes of interexchange intrastate long distance usage for an additional maximum charge of \$10.00 per billing cycle. This plan does not provide for call detail information on the Customers monthly bill.

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<sup>1-2</sup> Long Distance calculated at a rate of \$0.019 pre minute of usage with a \$.25 surcharge for each completed call.

The Double Feature Plan includes the following (available on a where offered basis):

- (1) Local dial-tone line
- (2) Sixty (60) minutes of intra/interlata Long Distance calling within the Continental United States per billing cycle
- (3) Call Waiting Deluxe
- (4) Caller ID Deluxe
- (5) An additional 250 minutes of long distance for calls terminating within the continental United States (included at no addition charge for the first two (2) consecutive months of service)

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3.1.8 Expanded Area Service

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Expanded Area Service provides unlimited calling outside the specified local calling area, but within a specified expanded local calling area.

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3.1.9 Customer Eligibility Criteria

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New and existing customers are eligible for these plans if they meet the following requirements:

- A. Where applicable, customers must subscribe to Budget Phone Local and Long Distance service for both intra and interstate long distance service
- B. Plans are for voice service only and cannot be used for any use deemed inconsistent with residential use by Budget Phone.
- C. Plans are not available to customers with an account that bills to another number or is the recipient of charges billed from another number.

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## 3.1.9 Customer Eligibility Criteria (Cont'd.)

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- D. Plans are not eligible for customer lines associated with educational institutions (colleges, universities, etc) or businesses.
- E. Unlimited access to long distance is for residential voice telephone service only and usage does not include multi-party conference calls, calls to 900 numbers, directory assistance, calling card, operator services, international calling, toll free numbers, chat rooms, telemarketing, commercial, facsimile (commercial), internet, automated dialing, special interest lines, and other non-residential use.
- F. Unlimited access to long distance is not available for resale.
- G. If Budget Phone determines that usage is not consistent with typical residential customer usage, the customer, at the sole discretion of the company, may be subject to additional charges, loss of unlimited access to long distance service, or to an alternate plan.
- H. For the purpose of the Deluxe Prepaid Plan, typical residential usage is presumed to be total usage that does not exceed 2,000 minutes of intra and interstate usage per billing cycle, per account. Budget Phone's long distance platform will automatically deny calls on accounts that have used the allowed 2,000 minutes. Customers who wish to continue access to long distance on Budget Phone's platform can purchase additional blocks of time, in the form of Budget Phone pre-paid calling cards, from an authorized Budget Phone agent. (T)
- I. Budget Phone reserves the right to verify that the customer meets the eligibility requirements. Customers who do not or no longer meet the eligibility requirements will not be eligible for plans. (T)
- J. Budget Phone reserves the right to exclude certain terminating telephone numbers from this plan.

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## 3.1.10 Lifeline

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## 1. Applicability:

- a. Lifeline discounts are applicable to local exchange services provided to eligible residential Applicants.

## 2. Territory:

- a. Within the base rate areas of all AT&T, Sprint, and Verizon exchanges as shown and defined in the Incumbent LEC's current and effective Tariffs on file with the Commission. (T)

## 3. Discounts:

- a. Lifeline is provided as a reduction of the subscriber's access line rate for local service in amounts equal to the sum of the state and/or federal approved and supported credits.

## 4. Terms and Conditions:

- a. Lifeline is provided only to the customer's principle residence
- b. One low-income credit is available per household and applicable to the primary residential connection only. The named subscriber must be a current recipient of any of the low-income assistance programs identified in 5 following.
- c. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until the Company has received proof of eligibility. Proof of eligibility shall be in the form of an affidavit, certifying under penalty of perjury, that the subscriber is receiving benefits under one of the qualifying programs or is eligible under federal poverty income guidelines. It is the Customer's responsibility to notify the Company when the Customer is no longer participating in any of the qualifying programs or is no longer eligible based upon income guidelines. (N)  
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- d. When, for any reason, a customer is determined to be ineligible the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline account will be disconnected.
- e. Certification of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income assistance programs will be required for any account that has been disconnected prior to the reestablishment of the service.

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## 3.1.10 Lifeline (Cont'd.)

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## 5. Eligible low-income assistance programs:

- a. The eligible low-income assistance programs are the same as those defined in the Incumbent LEC's current and effective Tariffs on file with the Commission.

## 6. Rates

(N)

The Lifeline credit consists of a Federal credit and a State credit.

	Monthly Credit
Federal Credit	\$10.00
State Credit	\$3.50

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## 3.1.11 Link-Up

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1. Link-Up is a connection assistance program, which provides for the reduction of applicable charges associated with connection of telephone service.
2. The applicant must meet the requirements for qualification for Lifeline Telephone Service.
3. Rates

The federal credit is \$30.00 maximum or 50% of the installation and service charges in this tariff, whichever is less.

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3.3 Level of Service

A customer can expect end-to-end network availability of not less than 99% at all times for all services.

## 3.4 1+ Dialing

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Budget employs the use of customized code restrictions which permit local calls, residential long distance, non-chargeable calls such as repair service, emergency numbers (911) and 800 calling. Types of calls that are restricted are 0-, 0+, DDD 1+, 1+900. 1+555-1212 and 1+NPA-555-1212,411,976,1DDD01 and 1DDD01 1+.The Company shall not be liable to any person for damages of any nature or kind arising out of, resulting from, or in connection with the provision of Customized Code Restrictions.

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## 3.5 Emergency Call Handling Procedures

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Emergency 911 calls are not routed to Company but are completed through the local network at no charge.

## 3.6 Promotional Offerings

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The Company may, from time to time, make promotional offerings to enhance the marketing of its services. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations. The Company will notify the Commission of such offerings as required by Commission rules and regulations. All promotional offerings will receive Commission approval prior to commencement of such offerings.

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## 3.7 Prompt Pay Discount

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Residential customers who pay their account balance in full on or before the account due date will receive a Prompt Pay Discount in the amount of \$ 10.00. In anticipation of timely payment, the Prompt Pay Discount is applied to the customer's account at the time of billing.

The Prompt Pay Discount will be removed from an account where payment in full has not been received by the due date.

## 3.8 Non-Optional Extended Area Service

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Non-Optional Extended Area Service provides usage sensitive billing for calls to locations outside a customer's normal flat rate local calling area. The exchanges where Non-Optional Extended Area Service is required are:

Andrews, Conway, Elloree, Georgetown, Myrtle Beach, N. Myrtle Beach, Pawley's Island, Santee, and Woodruff.

Usage will be billed at \$.05 per minute and will apply in addition to the charge for local exchange service. Customers may elect optional detailed billing for measured rate calls originating from these exchanges. The charge for detailed billing is \$2.00 per month.

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3.9 OSS RECOVERY

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In addition to other charges that may be applicable under this tariff, a monthly recurring charge of \$1.20 will be imposed by Company to partially defray the cost of providing service to the customer through the Incumbent LEC's Operational Support System(s).

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